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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RELEASES ISSUE SURVEY OF MUNICIPALITIES

County Economic Development To Make Presentation to COG

Monroe County Council of Governments (COG) Chairman, Supervisor William Carpenter of Pittsford, today released an issue survey of area municipalities. The issue survey was completed by all COG member communities and shows topics of mutual interest. The survey results will be used to set the agenda for the COG.

"Through our issue survey, the Council of Governments can now target areas where there is consensus among Monroe County's municipalities," said Supervisor Carpenter. "The survey offers a blueprint for areas of focus and collaboration and will allow us to find ways we can all better serve the residents of individual municipalities and the county as a whole."

The completed issue survey (attached) offers three initial areas or general topics to be focused on by the COG. Enhanced economic development opportunities; identifying existing inter-municipal cooperative efforts and seeking out opportunities for new cooperative efforts; and the development of a county-wide vision for the community, driven by municipal planning and development objectives, have each been identified for action by the COG.

The three initial areas of focus will define the topic of discussion at upcoming COG meetings. At tomorrow's meeting, Monroe County's Department of Planning & Development will make a presentation to the COG membership outlining economic development activities and programs currently available in the county.

"Chairman Carpenter and the entire Council of Governments have worked quickly to identify areas of focus and to move forward on these issues," said County Executive Doyle. "By rolling up our sleeves and working on these important topics of mutual concern we will ensure that all our taxpayers are served as effectively and efficiently as possible."

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The Monroe County Council of Governments was created by Doyle and Legislator Ray Santirocco and is comprised of the County Executive and the chief elected official from each of the 19 towns, 10 villages and the City of Rochester. The council meets every other month.

The Council of Governments model is used throughout the United States, particularly in the States of California and Florida and in some areas of New England. Successful councils are voluntary organizations, which operate at the level of collaboration and facilitate traditional local autonomy versus a new mandated layer of regional government.

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